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INCREASE IN RUMANIAN COTTON ACREAGE;
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Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

Increase in Cotton Acreage and Harvest

According to figures of the Berlin newspaper Aussenhandels Nachrichten, only about 700 hectares of cotton a year were planted in Rumania up to 1935; in 1945, the cotton planting area increased to 40,000 hectares, and in 1951 to 150,000 hectares. The 1951 cotton harvest was 147.3 percent greater than that of 1950. By the end of the Five-Year Plan the cotton growing area is to comprise 300,000 hectares.(1)

The same paper reported that cotton acreage in Constanta Raion Constanta Regiune, was to be 104 percent greater in 1952 than in 1951, and that more than 8,000 independent peasants were expected to plant 3.5 times as much cotton in 1952 as in 1951.(1)

Progress and Achievements of Cotton Farms in Bucharest Regiune

The Bucharest newspaper Viata Capitalei during August reported the following developments in cotton growing in Bucharest Regiune:

Proper care and methods aided cotton growing in Bucharest Regiune, which raises more cotton than any other regiune in Rumania.(3) The T. D. Lysenko method was applied in 1951 and 1952. By using this method, the Olga Bancic State Farm in Piatra, for example, obtained 1,200 kilograms of cotton per hectare, while independent boldings achieved only 400-500 kilograms per hectare. Collectives in Coconi, Oltenita Raion, obtained an average of 960 kilograms per hectare, while independent peasants obtained 350-400.(4)

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Unfavorable weather in 1952 necessitated the resowing of cotton in many areas of Bucharest Regiune.(3)

Conditions in individual raions of Bucharest Regiune were as follows: Calarasi Raion reported a particularly favorable crop, with the following outstanding collectives: the Filimon Sarbu Collective in Calarasi-Vechi, the 1 May collective in Cuz-Voda, the Constantin David collective in Coslogeni a collective in Cacomeanca, and the Drum Nou collective in Coconi. In Lehliu Raion, the I. C. Frimu state farm lagged behind in the application of the agrominimum and failed to carry out the required number of cultivations. The Dalga state farm was on schedule in this respect.(3) The General Directorate for Cotton Cultivation expressed concern for the lack of labor force in state farms in Dalga, and on the I. C. Frimu state farm. The agrominimum was not satisfactory in Lupsanu. (5)

In Oltenita Raion, the Manastirea state farm failed to apply the agrominimum. However, collectives in this raion succeeded in cultivating cotton three and four times. (5)

In Zimnicea Raion, the Olga Bancic state farm in Piatra was particularly successful in overcoming the labor problem, which constituted a difficulty in the entire cotton area. (3) State farms in Piatra and collectives in Contesti applied the agrominimum well. (5)

In Cazanesti, Slobozia Raion, and Fratesti, Giurgiu Raion, cotton was cultivated three or four times by collectives (5) The agrominimum was successful at the Steagul Rosu collective in Ganeasa, Branesti Raion (6), and in Baltati, Rosiorii-de-Vede Raion. In Alexandria Raion state farms grew 814 hectares of cotton, collectives 31 hectares, and independent peasants 700 hectares.(7)

Other state farms which were applying the agrominimum included those in Roseti (3), Prundu, with 150 hectares (8), and the Viata Noua collective in Fratesti.(9) State farms in Toporu and Uzunu permitted their cottor fields to be overgrown by weeds. (5)

Five TOZ for raising cotton and studying new methods of cotton growing were formed in Chirnogi, Oltenita, Luica, Negoiesti, and Soldanu in Oltenita Raion.(3)

Results of 1952 Cotton Crop

The 1952 fall cotton crop was reported in an article in Le Messager d'Athenes to be unsatisfactory. According to this Athens newspaper, the Rumanian government recognized that peasants raising cotton were paid too little and too irregularly and, therefore, it permitted peasants to keep a portion of their crops as partial compensation.(2)

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